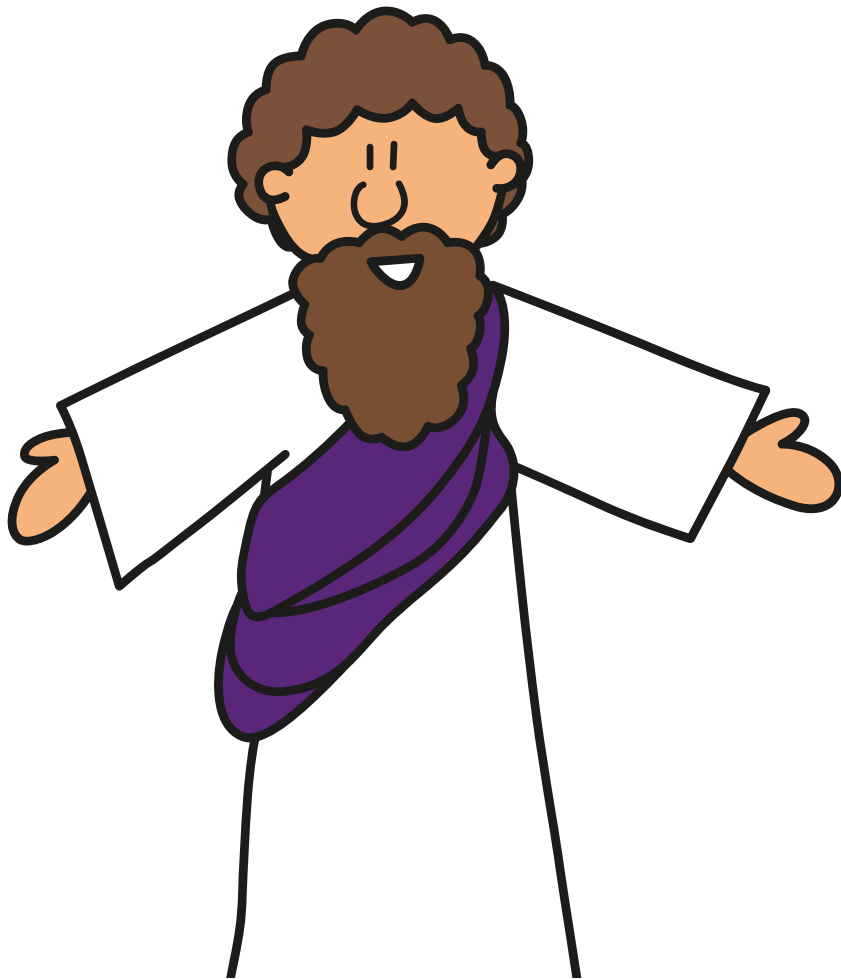
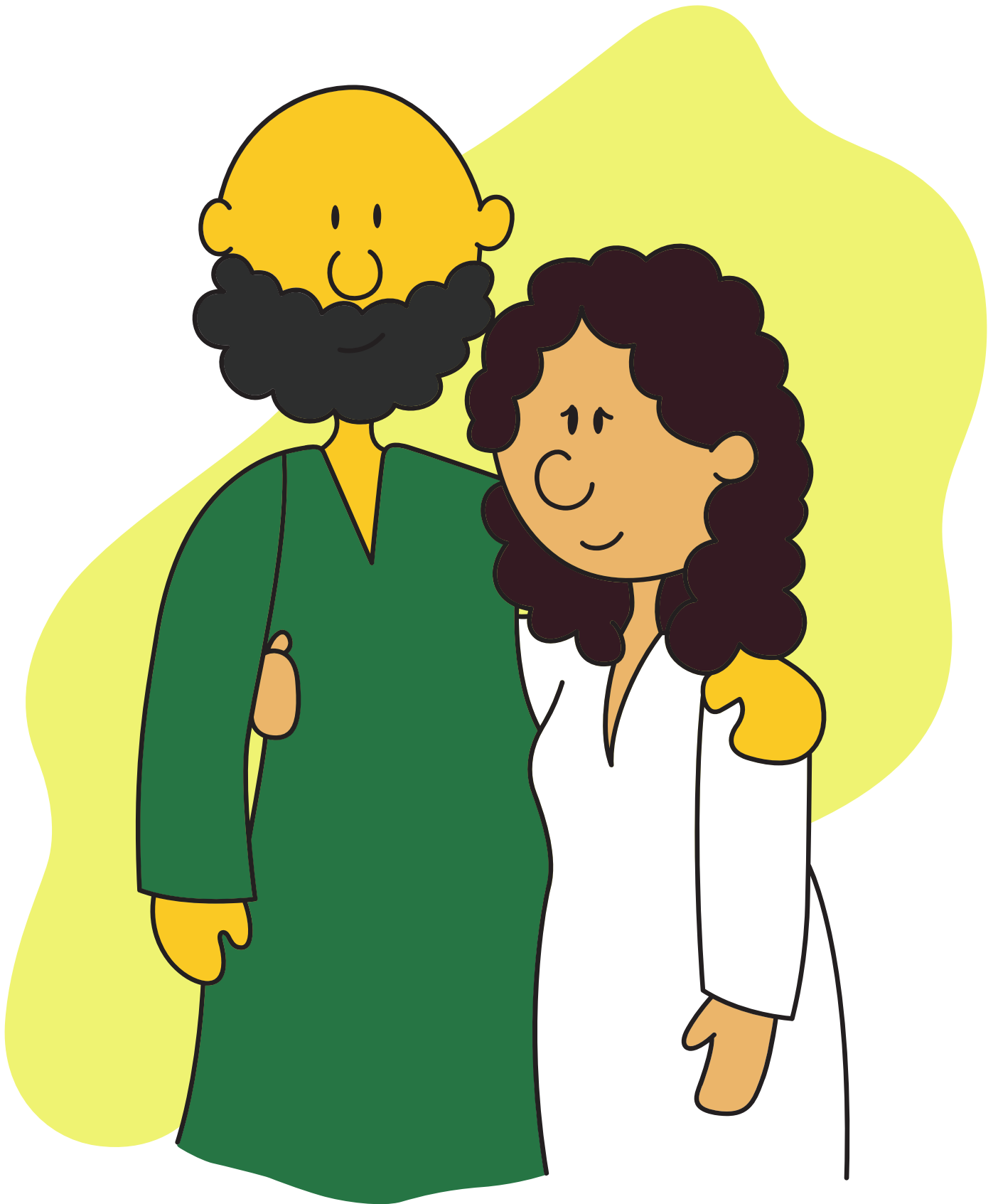


God's Promise to Hannah



Hannah had been married to Elkanah for many years, but they had no children.



Her husband would say to her,

"Hannah, why are you weeping?

Why don't you eat?

Why are you downhearted?

Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"



When Hannah was in the house of the LORD she wept bitterly.

Praying to the LORD she said,

"LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life."



The priest Eli answered,
"Go in peace, and may the God of
Israel grant you what you have
asked of him."



The LORD remembered Hannah,
and in the course of time she
became pregnant and gave birth to
a son.

She named him Samuel, saying,
"Because I asked the LORD for him."

Hannah had not forgotten the
promise she had made though, and
soon after she had weened Samuel,
she gave him to the LORD.



Samuel grew in wisdom and became one of Israel's greatest prophets.

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